

Capital Region

Virginia Archaeology Month 2005



Preview in September

VIRGINIA STATE FAIR Richmond Raceway Complex

NATURAL RESOURCES CENTER

September 22–26: Visit the Department of Historic Resources booth, *Environmental Archaeology: A Hands-On Exhibit*, located in the Department of Conservation and Recreation area of the fairgrounds. See artifacts, and try your hands at some ancient technologies that make use of natural materials such as twisting cordage, grinding corn, or creating pinch pots.

DHR Booth Hours: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Daily Events

Saturday, October 1, 8 and 15 **Charlottesville**

Workshop, **ARCHAEOLOGY WORKSHOPS at**
Hands-On **ASH LAWN-HIGHLAND—Home of**
Archaeology: **President James Monroe. A day of**
excavation at the home of President
James Monroe. Staff archaeologist
Grant Quertermous will teach, and
participants will excavate, screen and
wash artifacts. A tour of the Monroe
home is included.

Sponsor: Ash Lawn-Highland
Location: 100 James Monroe Parkway
Time: Two sessions each day: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.;
and 1–5 p.m.
Fee: \$20 for adults, \$12 for children
Contact: (434) 293-9539
Web: www.ashlawnhighland.org

Thursday, October 6 **Hopewell**

Open House: **FLOWERDEW HUNDRED: 10,000**
YEARS OF HUMAN OCCUPATION—
Visit the Flowerdew Hundred Museum
and see an exhibit that includes
American Indian material culture with
stone tools, a shell necklace, and clay
pottery from the Paleo to Late
Woodland Periods.

Sponsor: Flowerdew Hundred Museum
Location: 1617 Flowerdew Hundred Road
Time: 2–4 p.m.
Contact: (804) 541-8897. Call for directions
Web: www.flowerdew.org

October 18–20 **Hopewell**

Hands-On **PUBLIC EXCAVATION at WESTON**
Archaeology: **MANOR—Visitors can view or**
participate in test excavations conducted
by the William and Mary Center for
Archaeological Research. Help the
archaeologists locate evidence of 19th-
century buildings that were part of the
complex that surrounded the Georgian
building.

Sponsor: William and Mary Archaeological
Research Center
Location: Weston Manor, Weston Lane & 21st Street
Time: 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Contact: (804) 458-4682
Web: www.historichopewell.org

Friday & Saturday, October 21–22 **Charlottesville**

Open House **MONTICELLO ARCHAEOLOGY**
& Site Tour: **LAB OPEN HOUSE AND**
PLANTATION LANDSCAPE
WALKING TOUR—Visit the
archaeology lab, view artifacts
recovered from recent excavations, tour
the plantation landscape, and interact
with the archaeology staff.

Sponsor: Thomas Jefferson Foundation,
Archaeology Department
Location: Monticello Archaeology Lab, Highway 53
Time: Open House: 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Walking tours: 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.
Wear comfortable shoes.
Contact: (434) 984-9871
Web: www.monticello.org/archaeology

Ongoing Events

October 1–31

Charlottesville

Exhibit: **ONE HOME, MANY STORIES: ARCHAEOLOGY at JAMES MONROE'S ASH LAWN-HIGHLAND**—A special display of objects recovered during excavation at the home of President James Monroe. Includes artifacts from the Monroe and Massey families, as well as items of African-American slaves and servants. A tour of the Monroe home is included, where visitors learn about the lives of the President's family, as well as many other residents of the plantation since 1799.

Sponsor: Ash Lawn-Highland, Home of President James Monroe

Location: 1000 James Monroe Parkway

Time: Daily 9 a.m.–6 p.m.

Fee: Adults \$9; Seniors and AAA members \$8, Ages 6–11 and local residents \$5

Contact: (434) 293–9539

Web: www.ashlawnhighland.org

Tuesday thru Saturday in October

Hanover

Exhibits: **HANOVER TAVERN: Discovered During Restoration**—Small exhibits showcasing items found recently during the restoration of Hanover Tavern. Stop by the Tavern, tour around the building and see artifacts that range from pottery sherds to toy soldiers.

Sponsor: Hanover Tavern Foundation

Location: 13181 Hanover Courthouse Road

Time: Tuesday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Contact: (804) 537-5050

Web: www.hanovertavern.org

Tuesdays & Thursdays in October

Fort Lee

Exhibits: **REGIONAL COLLECTIONS FROM FORT LEE**—Exhibits displaying prehistoric and historic archaeological collections from Fort Lee, Fort A.P. Hill, Fort Monroe, and Petersburg National Battlefield. Come tour the curation facility.

Sponsor: Fort Lee Environmental Management Office

Location: Fort Lee Regional Curation Facility

Time: Tuesday thru Thursday
9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Contact: (804) 734-4434/4436 Call for directions or go to the Web sit below.

Web: www.lee.army.mil/dpw/curation.htm

Permanent Exhibit

Richmond

Exhibition: **SOLVING HISTORY'S MYSTERIES: THE HISTORY DISCOVERY LAB**—An interactive exhibit created by the Department of Historic Resources, located at the Virginia Historical Society's Center for Virginia History. Visit the *History Underground*, *History Underwater* and *History in the Lab* areas to see how we learn about archaeology in Virginia.

Sponsor: Department of Historic Resources

Location: Boulevard and Kensington Avenue, VHS Entrance—parking from Kensington Avenue.

Time: Monday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday, 1–5 p.m.

Fee: Adults \$5; Seniors \$4; Students and Children \$3

Contact: (804) 358–4901

RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS & STUDENTS

AVAILABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC

RESOURCES—Museums, teachers, and educational organizations may check out ARK kits at no cost by calling Keith Egloff at (804) 367-2323 Ext. 131

ARK—The African American Archaeological Resource Kit. This new kit of resource materials for teachers was produced by the Education Committee of the Council of Virginia Archaeologists. It contains artifacts, artifact identification flash cards, maps and site plans, a card game based on foodways, and explanatory material on each of three sites.

ARK—The Virginia Indian Archaeological Resource Kit. This ARK contains books, drawings, videos, replicas, and a computer game that will give students a variety of ways to explore archaeology and the Indians of Virginia. The kit circulates on temporary loan at no cost.

AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:

www.dhr.virginia.gov/arch_DHR/archaeo_teach.htm

First People: The Early Indians of Virginia Find out about the ancient history of the native people of Virginia.

NEW! The Indian World of John White's Paintings An exciting interactive education module developed by the Department of Historic Resources. Based on three White watercolors, the module forms a valuable on-line resource and springboard for learning about Indian life, especially for elementary school students.

Teachers! Now available online—the Teacher Guide and Activity Book to *Solving History's Mysteries: The History Discovery Lab*. The exhibition and the guide use archaeological sites and historic places to illustrate the processes of discovering the tangible evidence of our past.

Lesson plans using archaeology These lesson plans, for elementary and middle school students, are tied to appropriate Standards of Learning and were developed in association with the *Becoming a Homeplace* section of the Virginia Historical Society's major exhibition, *The Story of Virginia*. Plans are posted on the VHS site, available from the above DHR site address.